



Senate

General Assembly

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File No. 443

Senate Bill No. 485

Senate, April 7, 2011

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. CASSANO of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO SERVE AS CITATION HEARING OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 7-152c of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (b) The chief executive officer of any such municipality shall appoint
5 one or more citation hearing officers, other than police officers [or
6 employees] or persons who issue citations, to conduct the hearings
7 authorized by this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	7-152c(b)
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PD Joint Favorable

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 12 \$	FY 13 \$
Various Municipalities	Potential Savings	Less than 10,000	Less than 10,000

Explanation

A potential savings, estimated at not more than \$10,000, may result for those municipalities that currently retain paid citation hearing officers as the bill would allow for their duties to be assumed by existing municipal employees.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact:

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 485*****AN ACT PERMITTING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES TO SERVE AS CITATION HEARING OFFICERS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes a municipality's chief executive officer (CEO) to appoint a municipal employee as a citation hearing officer, which current law prohibits. Existing law, unchanged by the bill, prohibits a CEO from appointing a police officer or a person who issues citations as a citation hearing officer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2011

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 20 Nay 0 (03/23/2011)